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What To Do If Your Wedding Is Affected By Coronavirus



This is a very stressful time for everyone, but if your wedding is booked for this spring or summer, you have an extra layer of stress! Now that I have spoken to my brides, I thought it would be worth putting together some advice to help everyone get things sorted.



Most Importantly – Talk To Your Venue

The most expensive and the most important part of your wedding is the venue. It is likely that your venues will be the ones to organise cancellations and postponements, so these are the first people you are likely to talk to about this.

Please remember that the “venue” comes in three parts, the ceremony venue complete with registrar, the reception venue and the caterers. If you are at a hotel you are likely to have all in one, however if you have a registry office or church ceremony you will have to coordinate with both venues. Even if you have the venue sorted, make sure that includes the registrar's availability.

If your reception is in a hall style facility it is important that any caterers are available for your dates as well! If you have got a wedding planner, this is the time to really get them to help – they will be more than happy to!





Talk to your main suppliers

Suppliers such as your photographer, make-up artist, florist and entertainment are the big ones to get in place, as they are the ones you probably spent a huge amount of time making decisions on before booking!

Try and keep them posted about discussions around dates, the more information you have about availability the better.





Although your wedding dress is one of the most important parts of the wedding, however the likelihood is that this will be one of the easiest parts to re-organise.

I spoke to the experts, Brides of Southampton to get their advice on this:

"The best advice to brides with their gowns is to keep their suppliers updated...most of the weddings moved to 2021 will require the ladies to collect their gowns when they arrive and bring them back to us next year for alterations as the shops won't be able to stop dresses being delivered (the designers won't hold gowns)."

Men's suits, however, are often hired specific dates, so make sure you re-organise the booking dates.

You probably have your heart set on specific flowers and have a colour scheme and decorations to match.

However, typically flowers are very seasonal and if your wedding is now going to be at a different time of the year, you need to talk to your florist about options.

If you have a decorator, make sure that they are able to match your new themes as well.



Organise your other suppliers

The suppliers who I think of as the details - decorations, magicians, cars etc may seem less important, but they are what makes your day personal, so have a discussion around dates - good suppliers are trying to be as flexible as possible.



Let everyone know the new date!

It is important to let everyone know the new dates. Of course, you can try and contact everyone remotely, however if people are anything like me, they will be inundated with messages, emails and all sorts of other communications so they are easy to miss. Currently the post office is still running a full service, so consider sending cards out. I particularly like these ones from Paper Ballards.



What have you not booked yet?

Most people can't afford everything that they want – all the little details, the extra performers etc tend to mount up. Now that you have a few extra months, or even an extra year, have a think about what other things you might want to book, maybe a magician, ice-cream stand, wedding albums, etc. As with a lot of the events industry, wedding suppliers have been hit extremely hard by the coronavirus, so if you are able to add something to your wedding whilst helping out an awesome supplier, it's a double win!



Supplier Checklist

Make sure you have spoken to all your suppliers! Here is a handy check list. You may not have booked some of these, and some of them will be covered by the same supplier.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ceremony Venue | <input type="checkbox"/> | Master of Ceremonies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Registrar | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wedding Dress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Reception Venue | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bridesmaid Dresses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Caterers | <input type="checkbox"/> | Suits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wedding Planner | <input type="checkbox"/> | Magician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Car |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stationery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make Up Artist (MUA) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Florist | <input type="checkbox"/> | Photobooth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DJ | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ice-Cream Stall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Band | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ring Barer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> | Changed the Date cards |

Alternative Suppliers

These are difficult times, and, in some circumstances, you might not be able to get all your suppliers aligned to a new date. To help, check out some of my preferred suppliers who serve Hampshire, Dorset and Wiltshire and beyond. If you do not see what you are looking for there, any of my approved suppliers have yet to make it to my website, so please do contact me as I have a lot of contacts in the industry.

<https://www.jlawrence-photography.co.uk/approved-wedding-suppliers>

Having someone so much more experienced to help the day go smoothly.

Contact Toastmaster Dan

Magicians! Get one of the best magicians in the industry!

Contact Paul

As well as a great service, I get beautiful brides in stunning dresses!

Brides of Southampton



Evolve Hair Professionals

Well, anyone in the New Forest



The Daisy Cake Company

Just looking at the Daisy Cake



Hampshire Event DJs

I actually know Simon Clarke

About

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Experienced and friendly New Forest based photographer, perfect for couples who don't like having their picture taken but want beautiful wedding photographs

There are many different photographers with different styles of working – in fact you will probably have looked at a lot of beautiful images. One of the main reasons that people love to have me as their photographer is that I make people feel comfortable and able to be natural around me. In this way, I can capture you and your partner in a natural beauty like you have never seen before.



"Like most people we're not the most comfortable with having our photos taken and wanted to make sure we spent most of the day with our friends and family rather than posing endlessly. With the help of jesse we managed to have this whilst still getting loads of amazing and natural photos too." Katrina, Bride, New Forest

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